

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Lonnie O. Ingram, *et al.*

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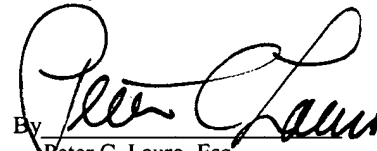
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